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## A THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Our first words to-day must be of greeting to all our friends. To ringers everywhere we extend the most cordial grood wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. It is a common course at this period to take stock of the past and contemplate the future. So far as ringing is concerned we feel it can be said that the year which closed yesterday has seen a steady maintenance of the standard of the art, and, without being markedly noteworthy, has nevertheless continued the progress made since the war. At the same time it must be admitted that more might have been accomplished, and it is in considering this aspect that the question of the future is pressed upon us.

We can only profit from the past to the extent that we learn the lessons which it offers us, and one of these lessons is that, among ringers, there is a spirit of selfcomplacency which is far too prevalent, a lack of ambition and enterprise which leaves a large part of the Exercise in a semi-dormant condition. There are conspicuous exceptions, but what do we find among individuals, among bands and among associations? Everywhere there are those content to do nothing better than they have been doing for years past-the man who is content to ring tenor or treble, and not bother his head to further probe the mysteries and the interests of the science; the band which is satisfied to ring Grandsire Doubles and never aspire to Stedman; the band which will ring Treble Bub and never dream of going on to the Surprise methods; the association which offers to its members no attraction better than, perhaps, an allowance towards an occasional tea, which shows no initiative and neglects its opportunities.
Is it too much to suggest that at the opening of the new year, individually and collectively, ringers should make more serious efforts to overcome that apathy which seems so ingrained in the Exercise, and which comparatively few members seem to throw off. What we want is a spirit of greater enthusiasm, which will give a man a fresh and wider interest in what is, after all, one of the most fascinating pursuits that any person can follow; a new energy and enterprise in companies that will increase their numbers, drag them out of the rut and lead to a more general advance in the art; and among the associations a keener desire to educate and encourage their members and stiffen their interest in all affairs relating to ringing, whether it concerns merely their own belfry or those wider subjects which affect the whole Exercise. There is scope for all in such an effort, but it is to the young men that we must look for the 'drive' which must be put into it. The men of the older genera-
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tion have done their part in raising the standard of ringing and the status of the ringer; it is for the youth of the Exercise not only to carry on the work which has been begun, but to expand and accelerate it, and it offers great opportunities for those who desire to see the development of the art. This is a thought which we offer to every ringer, with our greetings, at the opening of the New Year.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sahrday, Decenber 26, 7925, in Three Hours anu Forty-Seven Ninules, At tee Cathebral Chorch of Cerist,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 30 cwt.
Edwin Barnett, sen.... ...Treble EDWis G. Bdesden ... ... 7 Edwin Barneti, jon.... ... 2 "Cecil C. Mayne .... ... 8 Isaac G. Shade ... ... ... 3 Herbert E. Atdsley ... 9 John H. Chersman ... ... 4 George H. Daynes... ... io Edwin F. Pike ....... ... 5 C.S.M.James Bennett ... II Wilejam H. Fussele... ... 6 | James George ... ... ...Temot Compased by John Reeves. Conducted by E. Barnett, sen. First peal of Treble Tob Maxinas on the bells. . First penl of Maximus. W. H. Eussell's G00tin peal.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(Laie tae St. Jahes' Socizty,)
Cn Sahtaly, Decmber 19. 1925, in Thrae ETonys os Twenty-Thye Miuntes, At the Cherch of St. Clempit Danes, Strand, W.C.,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIAE CATERS, $\overline{0} 003$ CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.
-John Watkins ... ... ...Treble | Lemonard H. Baybot ... 6
Thomas H. Taffendrir ... 2 †James W. Chapman ...
Arther J. Neale... fGeorge A. Card $\quad .$. $\dagger$ Mrs. R. F. Deal .... ... 5 §Arthor H, Krighley ...Tumop Composed by W. T. Elson. Condncted by Teomas H, Taffender. - First peal. + First peal of Guradsire Caters. \& First peal in lic method. $\$$ Prirst peal on ten.

BRISTOL
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOOESAN ASSOCIATION. On Monday, December 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Mintes, At the Chorce of St. James,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, GOOT CHANQES; Tenor 28 cwt.
Alfred E. Reeves ... ...Treble William A. Cave ... ... 6
William H. Thomas... ... 2 Henty J. Way ...
Henty Pring ... $. . . \quad . . . \quad 3$ William Stowele 3 ... .... 8
ALbert Stoweil ... ... 4 Joseph T. Dyke ... ... .... 9
William Kniget... ... ... 5 E. George Trew... ... .... Tethor
Composed by Jogn Carirr. Conducted by Alfred E. Reguesi.
A commemoration peal, rumg as a mark of respect to the late Mr. H. Porch, for many years gonductor of the St. James' Society.

## BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCLATION.
On Saturday, December 26,7925, in Thye Hours andTuenty-Three Minhtos, At the Chorch of St. Pagl,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

 Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. $6!\mathrm{b}$.Harry Tysor ... ... ...Tvehe Edward J. Hobbs ... ... 6

Edgar H. Tingey ... ... 3 Herbert L. Harlon ... 8
Miss Evelyn Steel... ... 4 Arthor E. Sharman ... 9 Joseph Cedrci ...... Composed by Joan Carier. Conducted by A. E. Searman.

- First peaj "joside" on ter bells. + First peal of Cators.

CARDJIF
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. GmThursday. Decenber 24, 7925 , in Thye Howrsand Twatly-Eight Minmes At the Chorch of St. John-the-Bapist,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

 Tenor $z_{7}$ cwt. in 1 .Sidney Dawe
...Tyeble
George Large ..
Frank J. Bailey
jorn W. Jones
$\cdots 2$ Whiclom Heathin
Wiclibm Heath ...
Ernest Stitch
...
...
...
8
William Riceards ... ... 5 Seymodr R. Barker ... ...Temor
... 3
Ernest Coombes... ... ... 9 Composed by Henly Joenson. Conducled by Fred Chamerrlain Rung Jndf-maflied es a lasi dribnte of respoct to Isade Fricker, who has just passod away. He was 83 gears of age, and liad been conneeted with the above chured the whole of his life, and was for a number of years sidegman. * 250tim peat.

STROUD, GLOUCTSTERSHIRE.
GLODCESTUR AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCLATION
On Saburday, Decenber 26. 1925, in Thyee Hours and Sixieen Minutes, As thr Church of St. Lawrence
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

TBomas Bacowyw
.Troble
JEsse Gilleti
Hobert Sgrivens
Alegrt Wriget
Charles Gardiner
Composed by Artfile Knights.
HITsLINGDON
TEE MIDDLESEX CODNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOGESAN GUILD.
On Sathiday, Decembar 26, 7925, in Three Howrs and Tewty-Eight Minuths At the Chorch of St. John-xae-Baftist,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5BAO CHANGES;
Tenor za cwt.
Robert Teompson ... ...Treble ! +William Wheling ... ... 6
fFrederich W. Goodfeleow 2 tJohn J. Pratit
IMiss Fhyllis M. Mïss .... 3
-A. Mare Stacey $\quad . . \quad \cdots \quad 4$
Composed by Edward Francis.
C.C.C. No. 9. * Fist peal on ten bells. t First peal of Royal. * First pead of Plain Boh Royal. First peal as conductoz on ten betls. First peal of Beb Royal on the hells. Rung in honour of the engragement of Miss (ratace Baker; one of the local ringers, to the couductor.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHALLNY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Deconber 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At tee Parise Ceurce,
A PEAL DF DOUELE MORHIGH GOURT EOB MAJOR, gO8s GMAMEES,

- Fred Findle

Treble Ladrence WIrtias Ladince Wiltiams Thomas Wallwork... James H. Banks
Composed by A. B. Carprnter A Jogn Warson ... ... ... 5 Conducted by A. Tombinson. Rung in houour of the 60th birthday of Mr. John Watson, the es teemed socretary of the Blackburn branch, who nfterwards entertained the ringers to tea. First peal in the mellod. First peal in the methad on the bells.

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HAGLEY, FORCESTERSHIRE.
TEE WOROESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICRS ASSOCIATION. (Northern Brance.)
On Siturday, Deicmber 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Fivg Minutes, At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 GHANGES; Tenor 9 cwt 3 Gr .
Thomas J. Salter ... ...Treble Jobn Smith ... ... ... ... 5
Joseph Pigott ... ... ... 2 Samozl Grove ... ... ... e
John Bass ... ... ...
3 Alfred Hacketi... ...
Erxist J. Brooks
4 Robert Matiezws .Tempt
Composed by F. Benseyt. Conducted by R. Matiezws.
This was the quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

## MIDDLETION.

THE LANOASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Decenber 19. 192j, in Three Hours,
Ay tge Parish Chorch.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;
Frank Berry
William Berry ......

| … | ... | 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

Thos. K. Driver $\quad . .$. John Smital ... ... ... ... a George Hille ... ... .... Temar

Composed by George Hizl. Conducted by Willam Berry.
This peal was artanged for the 76 and ienor ringers, who $h_{\text {atil }}$ fram Liversetige and Penistone respectively; the rest lielong to tithe local company.

FRODSHAM, CHESHTRE.
THE CHESTER DOOESAN GUILD.
On Musday, Decunber 21, 1925, is Two Howrs and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Cherch of Sy. Laurencr,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 GHANGES;
Tenor i2 $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$ in $\mathbf{F}$.
Cyril Valentine
... Tyebte - Fredericr Lambete
Edward Jenkins...
... 2 Johr E. Bibsy .
Hesry C. Collyer
... 3
Wicliam Bibby
Composed by J. S. Wilde (No. 4). Conducted by E. Jenkins.

First attempt for Surprise. Rung as a thanksgiving for the Viear's recovery from a long and serious illuess, nud as " 21 sh birllatity compliment to his sont.

## BOLION, LANCASHIRE. <br> TIE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. <br> (Bolion Branch.)

On Tuesday, Decomber 22, 1925, in Three Hours and Thiftern Minates, At fee Cacrch of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, CBA CHANGESI,

Parker's.
Tenorifl cwt. in E.
Fred Abbott Edward Webstar Ernest Cutsforith
George Pincoit...

| B. Worsley... | $\ldots$ | 5 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Low | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 6 |
| mor | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 7 |
| mith | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$. |  |

Conducted by Thonas B. Worsley.
Rung on the 48 th anaiversary of the frst peal ly the Assomintion, whicls was rung at the above church, where the thef ringer, Mr. H. W. Jackson, is the sole sursivor. It was also a birthrday compliment to the wife of the 7 th ringer. E. Cufsforth hes now rung every bell in the dower to a peal.

## LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCTATION AND LONDON dIOCESAN GUILD.
On Therslay, Dewhber 24, 1925, in Tewo Howrs and Forty Minutes, At the Cgergh of St. Peter, Walworth,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, SO40 UHANOESI
Taorstans' Four-part. Tenor i4 cwt. (approx.)
Willian H. Hewbit ...Tyelle | Cypil Pease ... ... ... 5
Charles W. R. Grimwood 22 Edwin F. Pike ... Frank Beynzty ..
Isame Emery
J. Armiger Trollofe ... 7 James E. Davis... ... ....Tenor
Conducted by W. H. Heweit.

- 5011 peal. First peat on these bells for twenis years. IL is also just 100 years since the ehurch ant hells were dedicated.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUORSTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Thursdgy, Dersuber 24. 1925, in Three Howrs, At tef Chorge of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; Tenor 21 cwt . in E .

Algred E. Rrbves ......${ }^{3}$ John A. Burford .... ... 7 Willias A. Caye ... ... 4 E. George Trew... ... ...Tency Composed by the Rev. H. Law James, Conducted by J. A. Burford J. T. Dyke's 250th preal.

## TTiNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thuysday. December 21, 1925, in Tro Hours and Foyty-Five Minutes. At tbe Cherge of St: John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF BTEDHAH TRIPLEA, GRE CHANEE日I
Heywood's Variation.
Tenor $9 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cwt}$.
John H. Cbeesman ... ...Tyedle Edward H. Spice ... ... 5
C.S.M. J. Benmety, R.M.... 2 William Spice ... ... ... 6

Eanest J. Dosbie ... ... 4 Johs Excele ... ... ...Tenor
Conducted by J. FI. Cheesman.
SITTINGROURNE, KENT.
THE EENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Christmas Day. December 25. 1925, in Two Howrs E- Fifty-Nine Minates At the Chorch of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF KENT TRE日LE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor al cwt.

John H. Ceresman...$\quad$... 3 James George
Lbonard Mannering... ... 4 C.S.M. J. Bennett, R.M....Tenow Composed by Artgur $\overline{\text { lingehits. Conducted by J. H. Chersman. }}$ ERITE, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saroway, Dewhber 20, 1925, in Two Fours and Fity-Five Mintes, At the Church of St. Jorn-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, BOM CHANGESt

## Temor aScwl.

Fredk. J. Collem, sen. ...Trebl: John S. Morton...
*Lionel J. Collem
Grorge Cullom
Alfred G. Hill
Composed by J. J. Parker.
3 Frederick A. Coley ...
and Conducted by Fredk. J. Cullom, jun

- Tinsl peal wilh, a boli bell. Peal No. 18, C.C. Collection.

PRESTHICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASEIRE ASSOCTATTON.
On Saturday, Deconler 26, 1925, in Three FHours,
At the Chorch of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIYE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 GHANCES; Tenor i6 cwl. in F.
Sam Greenaralge
Wileiam: Bibby
Josepa Lowe
Thomas Wallwork
Composed by w. Wightman.
T1 eblef Robrrt Wallworie

Firs pieal of superlutive on the bells.
TULFORD, CHESI:IRE.
TUE CAFKTER DIOCFSAN GUTMD AND
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sturday, December 20. 1925, is Two Hours and Fifty-Two Mintites, At the Cacrge of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF BTEDKAN TRIPLES, BOSO CHABGEPI

Thomas Botler ... ... ...Teble |Gborge R. Jones
Thomas R. Botler...
Albert J. Hughes ... ... 3 Artbur E. Pegler ...

| Robert Sperring | $\ldots .$. | ... | 3 | 4 | Artbur E. Pegler |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Waltrr | ... | .... | 7 |  |  |

Conducted by Robert Speraing.

## WEST MALLENG, KENT. <br> THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. <br> On Satarday, Derember 26, 1925. in Three Hows and Fow Minutes, At tas Cadrer of St. Mary, <br> A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, GOBQ CHANGES; Tenor 12 cwt . <br> Lewis Nbwian ... ... ...Treble Friderick J. Lambert,jun. 5 <br> William E. Pitman ......$\quad$ a Thomas E. Sonz...... <br>  reginald E, lambert ... 4 Charles h. Sonz ... ...Temor <br> Composed by Isaac G. Seade. <br> Conducted by C. H. Sone. <br> Rung to commemorate ithe golder wedding of Mr. Robert H. <br> Noakes, of Barming, a life member of the association. The conduc-

 tor has now rung a peal on every bell in flis tower.
## BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCLATION.
On Salurday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hows and Thivteen Minutes,
At the Cgdrch of All Saints,
A FEAL BF BOUBLE NORWICH COURT EOE MAJOR, $502 f$ GHANEES Tenor 21 cwt 27 lb . in Eflat.
Alfred J. Traprity... ...Treble Frank E. Darby ... ... 5 - Alpred J. Boll $. . . \quad . . . \quad 2 \quad$ fTbomas G. Bannister... John F. Galyer ... ... 3 Daniel Cooper... ... ... 7 Charles W. Koberts ... 4 Charles H. Kippin ... ...Tenop Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Cgas. H. Kiprim.
Rueg as a 16 th birtleday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. First peal on the bells since the recasting of the 5th, and the renewal of all the stays and sliders. *First peal in the method away from the treble. + First peal of Double Norwich. 50th peal as conductor.

EARL SHILTOX, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-There Mirutes, At the Cefreb of SS. Simon and Jode,

## A PEAL DF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, EOSG CHAMGES!

H. Whittle's Variation of J. Carter's Twblye-part. Tenor in cwt. 3 qr. is lb. in G .

 | Thomas IK, Deacon | ... | ... | 2 | Percival A. Aldham | ... | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cabres R. Brlton | ... | $\ldots$ | 3 | George A. Newton... | .. | 7 | Waltzr P. Weitegead ... 4 inemard Bonsir ... Conducted by Charles R. Belton.

- First peal. First peal $a_{5}$ conductor, ind first attempl. Also his first peal in the methot. Rung ag a hiythlay compliment to the wife of the conductor. Also on the secoud amiversary of the wedding of Mr. A. Cattell, of St. Margaret's, Leicester.

GRESTORD, DENBIGESHHPE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND NORTH WALES ASSOCIATYON.
On Sutwrday, Detember 26, 1925, in Three Fow's ard Eight Minates, At the Church of All Sants.
a PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH CQURT BOB MAJDR, 6024 CHAMEE5; Tenor 25 cwt.
Walter Thomas... ... ...Tyebie George R. Jones
Robert Sperring ... ... 2 James Swindley..
Thomas R Botler ... ... 3 James H Riding... ... ... 6
Albert J. Hugags ......${ }_{4}$ Afthor E. Pegler ...
Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Robert Speraing.
The band wish to thank ME. G. Williams for fis kind hospitality.
FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
TRE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sathyay, Decembar 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At tee Church of Sx. Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE HORWICH CEURT BOR RTAJOR: 5024 CHABGES; Tenor 56 cwt .
William J. Groom ... ...Treble | Leslie G. Brett... ... ... 5 Lesile C. Wightman ... 2 John J. Crbasey... ... ... 6 Grorge Pryke ... ... ... 3 Thomas W. Last... ... ... 7 Ernest E. Grimes ... ... 4 Wilelam C. Romsey ... ...Temot Composed by George H. Cross. Conaucted by W, C. Romshy.
The ringer of the 6 th was proposed a member of the Guilti prior to starting for the peal, and the thanks of the band are due to him for filling a gap at the last moment.

## COLCHESTER ESSEX.

THE LSSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Suhtrday, Decomber 26, 1925, its Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes, At the Cefrce of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:

Tenor 2r cwt, in E .
William J. Nevard ... ...Tyeble Frank Claydon .... ... ... 5 George Wirfen... ... ... 2 Walter Arnold... ... George W. Moss ... ... 3 William Kerble ... ... 7 James Fletty ... ... ... 4 Arthita Sadnders ... ...Tency Composed by Gabriel Lindofy. Conducted by Wilelam Kerble. First peal in the method on the bells.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCS. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Satwrday, December 26, 192ẍ, in Thyoe Howrs,
At ife Cherch of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, E 40 CHANGESI

## Groveg' Variation.

Tenor ro cwt. I qq. 2 lb .

- Miss Fora Grassby... ...Tribie Charlbs H. Bird ... ... 5 | Walter Ayrg | ... | ... | ... | 3 | Grorge Hobbins | ... | ... | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Arthor W. Hoodless | ... | 3 | fJack Bray | ... | ... | .. | .. | 7 | Harold Eastoe ... ... 4 Ernest Hoodless ... ...Temot Conducted by Walter Ayre.
- First penl or eigltt. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

HASLEMERE, BURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Detomber 20, 1925, in Threa Hours and Eight Minktes,
At the Cegrce of St. Barthogomew,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANEES!
Tenor 13 cwt 6 lb .
Fred Bowden
 Matrice Smither $\quad . . .6$ Major J. H. B. Hesse.. .4 A 4 Arthor J. Bartleti .... ...temor Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by A J. Bartlett. - First peal. Major Hesse has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower.

## EONDON.

THE ANGLENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
On Satterday, Dechiber 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes, At tee Ceurch of St. Andrew, Holborn.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Foutr-part.
Williah T. Cockbrile ...TVeble Lours Attwater... ... ... 2 John W. Goeding ... ... 3 Harry R. Pasmore ... ... 4 Joshph S Hawins ... ${ }^{-. .} 7^{7}$ Conducted by Harry R. Pasmore.
Rung in honour of the golden wedding of the parents of the lirothers Pasmore, who were married at this church on Christmas Day, 1875. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Gelding.

## MERTHYR TYDFIL

THE LLANDATE AND MONMOUTH DIOCRSAN ASSOCLATION On Saturday, Decenber 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minates, At the Chorca of St. Tydpil,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, bOge CHANEESI
$\begin{array}{ccccc}\text { J. Halleti... } & \ldots & \ldots & . . . \text { Treble } \\ \text { W. Fisber } & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots . \\ 2\end{array}$
W. Fisuer ..
$\begin{array}{cccc}\text {... } & \ldots & \ldots . . & 2 \\ \cdots . & \cdots & \cdots & 3 \\ . . . & \ldots & . . . & 4\end{array}$
 Conducted by J. Halleit.
Rung on the occasion of the wodding of Miss E. Thomas and Mr. Ivor Jones at the Parish Church. - Firsí peal of Triples. First peal on an insido bell.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.-On Dee. 17th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major ( 1,280 changes), in 50 mins., at the Parish Church : E. Wood 1, *J. Carter 2, Miss Cissie TEorp 3, G. Gorringe 4, *S. Marshall 5, "F. Althonp 6. J. Mellor 7, B. Thorp (composer and conductor') 8. * Firsb quarter-peal. t Longest length an an inside bell.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOOIATION
On Tuasday, December 8, 7925, in Two Hours and Thivty-Eight Minttes, At the Chorch of St. Laurince,
A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE \& ST, DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 GHANLE8;
Being $4^{2}$ six-scores, each called differently.
Alfred Edwin Ellis... ...Tyeble |Teomas Leach ... ... ... 4

| Philip I. Pockett | $\ldots .$. | .. | 2 | Thomas Baldwyn | ... | .. | 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cecil R. Hewbr... | .. | ... |  |  |  |  |  |
| am. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Harold lyes ... ... ... 3 Cecil R. Hewrr... ... ...Tam. Conducted by Tzomas Baldivys. BROMHAM, BEDTORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASEOCIATION.
On Sathyday, Derember 19, 1925. in There: Hours and Seventen Minutes, At iae Chorch of St. Ovens.

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MIHOR, 5040 CHANBEI।

Being 720 each of Kingston, London Scholars', College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 23 cwt . Henry Stapleton ... ...Tyeble $\mid$ Harry Gayton ... ... ... 4 | Edmund J. Hobrs | $\ldots .$. | ... | 2 | Horace H. Smith | $\ldots$ | ... | 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pearl Inskip | $\ldots$. | .. | ... |  |  |  |  |

William Stock .. … … ${ }^{3}$ Pearl Inskip Conducted by Pearl Insmer.
CHELMARSH, SHROPSHIRE
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GEILD.
On Saturday, December 19, 1925, is Threc Hours and Five Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF BOB HINOR, 5050 CHANEES;
Being seven 720's.

- Henry O. Baker
†James Hoeseman
...Treble George Oliver
George E. Jones

Conducted by George Case.
- First peal and first attempt. it First peal wieh a bob bell.

MERSTHAM, SURREY
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, Decembey 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes, At the Cefreg of St. Katherine,
A PEAL DF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGESI Tenor $\mathrm{I}_{4} \mathrm{cwt}$ in F sharp.
*Raymond Bale ... ... ...Tyeble | Cbarles Kilitick ... ... 4
*H. Bernard Whlls... ... 2 Herbert Wood ... ... ... 5 - James Batters ... ... ... 3 Charles H. Kippin ... ...Temoy Conducted by Chas, H. Kippin.
Alf are Sunday Service ringera at the above olurch, except the conductor. * First peal of Minor. Quickest peal of Minor an the bells.

GKIRBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE. TEE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sakurday, December 19, 1925, in Three Hours aud Fifteen Minutes, At the Caurch of St, Nicholas

## A PEAL OF HINOR, 5040 CHANGEI।

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, three
720's of Kent Treble Bob and two oi Plain Bob, each called differently.
Frank Dewey ... ... ...Tyeble
... 2 George Coleman ... ... 5
John Pbillifs ... ... ... 3 Arthdr H. Palmer ... ...Temut
Conducted by Arthor If. Palmer.
BROMFIELD, SHPOPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sxuday, December 27, 1925. in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minstas, At the Cadrgh of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, gono CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.
Tenor 9 cwt .
Thomas W. Nase ... ...Tyeble Jogn G. Nasa ... ... ... 4 Williak J. Beniams ... James P. Hyatt ... ... ... 3 Arthor C. Nason ... ...temor

Conducted by J. P. Hyatr.
Tho band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for granting the use of the bells.

WOODSTON, NORTHANIS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Peterborjoge Branch.)
On Suluvday, Dicimber 26, 1925, in Two Howrs and Forly-Five Minules,
At the Church of St. Augosine:
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGE8;
Consisting of it six-scores each of St. Simon's Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, and Plain Bob Doubles.
Eric Fis. Hoare
Treble $\mid$ F. Rowlinson S. H. Hoare W. Waldron
H. Rowlinson
Hoare, jon.
$\begin{array}{cccc}\cdots & \cdots . & . . & 4 \\ \cdots & \cdots . & \cdots & 5 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \text { encr }\end{array}$
Conducted by H. Hoare.
First peal of Jounles rung on these bells, which wore put in by Messrs. Giblett and Johnsion in 1914, and rung at first attempt. Also first peal of Doubles by al] Lie band. A birthday compliment to Mr. I. Thayaud, and rung out the 201 h anniversary of Mr . W. Waldron's wedding day. Tlise Rector congratulated the band at the conclusion of tho peat on the gool striking, also J. K. Heare on ringing his first peal before ho was 15 yenrs old. E, K. Hoare was proposed a memher of lhe: fiuild before starting for the penl.

## WISTASTON, OEESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, Decenber 28, 1925. in Two Hours and Thirly. Five Minutes,

## At the Choreh of St. Mary

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 040 CHANGES:

Being two $7^{20}$ 's of Oxford, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwl .7 lb .
 Conducted by A. Crawley

- First peal insinte in three methods. † First peal in three methods. Firab peal in direse melhods as conductor


## HANDBELL PEAL

BTRMTNGEAM
THL: STM MARTIN'S Gifll, FOR THE DIOCESE OF BLRMINGHAM.

## On Sitheday, Decanber 19, 192ā, in Three Hours and Tcu Minutes,

## At 8i, Baker Street, Sparkhll

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN GINQUES, 5007 GHANGES;



## THE INSTRUCTION OF RINGERS. <br> To the Eathor.

Dear Sir.-In reply to Mr. Bibly, it will be necessary to illustrate my view by firat of al! dealiag withe an outside subject, viz., instinmeatal music. What is the emhryo musician's firsi act? No matter the instrument, he pleces himself in the hands of a capable tutor, and obtains an instruction book, Ho has then to master the rudiments of music, and to practige soales and exercises, simple at first, gradually becoming more difficult, until in time he is able to execute dificult passages with ease. Tven when he can play the works of the mastiers, he does not fail to continue the prnctise of scales. H has a big advantago over ringers, I admit, being in no way dependent upon others before lie can practise and, moreover, is able to practise passages which call for expert fingering without having to rūn through the piece, whereas we are dependent upon otliers for practice, and if a method rioes conlain tricky places, a full course bas to be rung to emable each ringer to go through inem.

Some will say it cen tee sludied al home. I agree, but home study will not give roper sight, which I consider is the equivalent of fingering on au instrument.
I am not an old hand at ringing, but a fealuro which has struck mo vory forcibly is the haphazard manner in which studeuts in campanology are trained. Systematic inslruction being the exception rather than the rule ju this matlier, our eraft, like The Handbell Expert, ${ }^{\text {h }}$ is okit fashioned.
Appearing on the same page as Mr. Bibby's letter is an article on The Literature of Ringing, by Mr. T. A. Trollope, in which he states: ' Thie authots of all these books had the same objeot in wiew, and that was to deal comprehensively with the whole of zinging. Thoy tried to give a test-book whicly woutu assist ringers from changes on three bells up to Lonảon Surprise, or whatever was the most difficult method at the time.' and 'Et is safe to eay that no other similar book will again be published. Pinging has got too complex,
and has expanded too much to be dealt with in a book that one can slip inte one's pocket.' If this is so, then it is time the Central Council got to work and arranged a suitable syllabus of training. This would cut out that groping in the dark which entails at many towers where systematic instruction is not the order, and I firmly believe it is the absence of a proper system of learning which accounts for many bands being backward. They are so from circumstances and not from choice. Therefore, $i$ contend that to a competent Kent Treble Bolb Major band, desiring to make progress, Minor is the best stepping-stone, because many Kent ringers rely on coursing. If their course bell goes wrong, so do they, nime times out of tan; the order of passing treble is not thought of. How many. Kent ringers can carry on with tenors parted? Not many, I think. 1 have seen many stumble in Oxford for this reason. Often with mixed bands al meetiugs, part the tenors and the riuging gets broken up. Why? There is too much reliance on the coursing system, and it is this which prevents many from mastering difficult methods. They cannot course the bell they turaed from behind straight down to lead, and we are all at sea. To permit of tricky work being accomplished, good rope sight is essential; it is only ucquired by constant practice and by easy stages; the cnsy slages locing found in Minoz All Majur methods have certafo clatracteristics, which will be found in Minor, and, not always in a melhod bearing the same name. On six hells there are not so many ropes to watch, a circumstance which enables the student to acquire the necessary repe sight to permit of tricky dadging or place making to be successfully accomplislied. The work upor which special stress would bo laid will, perhaps, appear in a different, place in the extonsions to the higher numbers, but, gevertheless, it is there.
Angone who has gone carefully througl whe series dealb with by me will see that from a simple heginning I liave gone by easy slages to more difficult methods, and, amongst them. Major method ringers will recognise work which is found is eighit-bell methods. Does it not then stand to reason, once a certain piece of worls has been mastered on six, no matier whore it appears on eight, there is a much better chance of its successful accomplishment in a sharter time lhau would otherwise liave heen the case?
How ofton does a plain course break down, just because one man caunot do a certain piece of work, and frequently many abtiempts have to be made before a touch can le brought round. Attendant with this is the loss of valuable time and often temper, which timely advice would have saved. Again, an cight-bell band meets one short; railher than ring six the practice is declared off, whereas, if whey attempted something out of the ordinary on six, some benefib would bo derived. Samehow or other the mere mention of Minor to some ringers on the higher numbers is like slawing a red rag to a bull In fairness, I ask them to give a lithle thought to the question, study the methods, and look upon the Minor variations as the musician looks tupon scales and exercises; the result, I feel sure, will be beneficial.
Space will not allow ma showing the similarity between a number of methods; but, in conclusion. I should like to ask Mr. Bibby a question.
Of two Kent Treble Bob Minor ringers, one has rung nothing more difficult, the other is conversant with Cambriilge and London Surprise Miner. Which of the two would he the ouicker to ring thic Maior extensions of these methods, and wly? Yours, JOHN P. FIDEARR.

## PRESTBURY'S OLDEST RINGER. SUDDEN DEATH OF MR, THONAS COMPTON.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Thomas Complon, of Prestbury, Glos., who passed away suddenly on Monday, Dec. 21st. Deceased left home at 7.30 a.m., apparently in his usual heaith, to go to his work at the Cheltenham Cometery, where he was employed as a gardener. At 8.45 a.m., while sitting in the messroum, he suddenly fell forward, and expired immediately. He was picked up by a fellow ringer (Mr. J. Harrison), who was in the room at the time.
Deceased was 73 years of age, but carried his years well. Ee was a member of the Parochial Chureh Council, aud a sidesman at the parish church. He had been a ringer for about 50 years, and was rarely absent from clizing or ringing. On the evening before his death he raug the treble through 840 Grandsire Triples for evensong.
The funeral took place at Prestbury Church on Christmas Eve, and the number of people present and many floval tributes testified to tho respect and esteem in which deceased was held.
After the funeral, a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung with the hells mufted : T. Pendry 1, W. Rose 2, H. Newman 3, G. Walter 4, R. Court 5, W. Dyer 6, J, Causon (conductor) 7, J. Harrison 8. Afterwards, the whole pull and stand was rung 73 times, W. Hale replacing W. Dyer.

## A. HALF:PEAL

At Stokesar. Shropshire, on December 26th, at St. Joln's Church, a 1half-peal of Grandsire Doubles (2,520 changes) was. Iung in 1 hour 25 ming. by T. W. Nash 1, J. G. Nash 2, W. R. Nash 3. W. Wainwright 4. J. P. Hyett (conductor) 5. A. C. Nason 6.

## NOISY BELLS AND FAST RINGING.' To the Editor.

Dear Wir, In reply to Mr. Bibloy's query, I would like to explain Whe wiy remarks on the shbject of 'tast linging and noisy bells" were made for the purpose of creating a disctassion at our local branch mevting on this subject, which I think is one that ought to obtair nowe consideralion from ringers than it generally does.
[ shated that, along with "good striking,' these were the thinge that concerned tho outside public, and that we ringers ought to zive them our eamest consideration if we wisb lo reduce complaints to a ninimam,
I belice the the public as whole greatly appreciate the ringing of church bells when they are rung welt, and that tho majority of complaints are made either when tho bells are noisy or when strict nttention is not boing paid to the strikiug. I thisk one of the greatest causes of bad striking $j_{s}$ by ringing too fasl, especially on bells which aro funed and hung on moders principles. The tones of moHem bells requile a longer period in which to get away- lisan do the hells which are tuned on the old syslern, and I find that they are ruth more pleasant to the ear if they are given plenty of time.

It is impossible to give a slated fime in which to riug a peal, as requested by Mr. Bibby. There is a "right speed" for every ring of bells, aded most ringers of experience can soon tell, when they are ringing togetles, if they lave found-it of wot.

One ring of bells may take ten to fifteen minutes longer to ring a penl at the 'right specil than another ring of the same weight, thongla diey may both be running weil. To give an example of what I mean: We, at Hyede, have a nodern peal of eight by Taylor (1920), with a tenor just over 18 owb. To ring r peal of Major at what $\mathbb{}$ cansider the rigint speed-blat is, when the striking is ai its best, and we can strike them-an these bells requires three hours and twelve to fourteen minutes. Ont old bells har thenor of $15 \frac{1}{4}$ cet., and we used to ring our best Major peals in 2 lirs, 58 mins. to 3 brs. Now the additianal $2 \frac{1}{2}$-cwi, in the tenor lias not made all that difference.
The bell founders have realised that these modem tuned bells require to be rung slower than the old ones, and lisey have helped the ringers by puthing larger wheeds on them. T to not say that this is the only reasour for fitting larger wheels, but it compels the ringers to take move time if they wish to infg them to the best advantage. Now all ringers do not, seom to lave realised litis, and slifl think they onglat to be ahla to push them nlong ati the speed of the old ones. Tho me viere is no specin] credit in ringing the 'quictest' peal on
the bells. What we oughy to strive Lor is 20 ring the 'best, peal ont the bells.

My experibuce has been flag the quickest peals in which 1 lave rung have certainly not been the best. Nor is this the case wilh peal ringigg only, but il apples equally to service ringing. or any othur ringing for that matter.

The question of 'noisy bells' is one that has been discussed may times beforo, and we ringers aught to do our bost to get church authorities to tackle the problem where it is necessary. It is not a big or costly job to brick or board ap the lourres, and the cost is not to be compared with the improvernent achjeved.
I advise ringers to discass these matters at thelv meelings, ns it is really surprising the amound of interest that is shown when once tha subject is opened.

Perhaps oihers will express their view through *The Ringrag World 'for the beneft of us all. - Yours faithfully,
T. WILDE.

## STONY STRATEORD RINGER'S DEATH.

The Cluristmaside ringing at St. Giles', Stony Stratford, has beon touched with sadaess by the unexpected death of Mr. Alfred Clarke, one of the oldest ringers, who died on the 21st, after at few days' illmess. At the funeral, on Saturday tast, four of the ringers acted as bearers, and afterwards mufthed tonelies were rung on the hells, Deceased hard been a member of the North Bucks branch of the Oxford Guild since it started.

## A DATE TOUCH.

At Ellesmere, Stropshtre, on Monklay evening, December 14uh, a dale touch of Stedman Triples ( 1,925 changes), compored by Louis Head; in 1 hour and 17 mins, R. Bigps I, G. H. Edwards 2, A. Alien 3, A. Haynes 4, T. Butler, sen. 5, W. S. Higgiason B, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7, की Higginson, sen., 8. The above band rang is date touch on March 24 th last, which was afterwards found to be false.

FARNHAM. SURREY.-On Duristmas Day, for morning service, no St. Andrew's Churelt, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 nlanges), in 49 mins. : H. Prior 1, J. Read 2, H. Kemp 3, S. Ho» dows 4, R. Hasted, jın. (Havant), 5. T. Upshal] 6, R. Hasted, sci (conductor), 7, A. E. King 8.

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Two popular association secretaries, each of whom las done pemarkuble work in the encourggement of change ringing, last weuk reached a memorable milestone in their peal records: Nr. Joseph 't. Dyke, at Briatol; dull Mr. John W. Jones, it Cardifï, each rung their 250 th peal.

The loug peal of Cambridga Surpriso Maxinus at Bow was ruwy on Saturday, December 19tin, aud not on December 12th, as published in record of the performance in our last issue.
Al Kington Magaa Church, on Christmas Day, a lagdbell part was introduced in the musical accompaniment of the Magaificat, and later in the service three carols were played on handbells by a group o boys at the chancel steps.

Tho following extract from Pepys" diary, describing a visit to Mhlip Norton, may be of interesti to members of the Laih and Wells Association: "Here is a very fine ring of six bells, and they mighly (unerble.'

We should be glad to receive from ringers who rang 40 peals and mpwards during 1925, the number of peals both aung and conducted in the year, and the number of towers in which the peals were rung.

Exactly a hundred and fity years ago today William Doubleday Crofts, fie Notingham lawer, and one of the greatest ringers of his day, conducted a peal of 8,046 Grandsire Caters at \$l. Mary's, Notlingham, the peal occupying 5 hours 48 minutes.
Iames Barham, that famous old ringer, of Leeds Kent, rang lis one hundredth peal on New Year's Day, 1793. At that time a hundred peals was a remarkable record, and Barham takes an honouret place among the ringers of the past. It was noteworthy that the total ages of the band who took part in Barham's 'century' peal was 582.
A board in lize belfry of St. George's Church, Gravesend, records a peal of Grandsire Triples rung there on Jthuary 1st, 1786 - 140 years ago-by members of the Society of Union Youthis of Gravesend. Si. George's had been burnt down in 1727, and was rebuilt and eight helts installed in the tower in 1736. The bells were by "Pheips and Applebee, of the Whitechapel Foundry, but Applebee was probably only tho bell lianger.

The first peal of Halifax Treble Bob was rung on January Ist, 1666. at Huddersfield, Sottanstall being the composer.

A peal of 5,200 changes of Treble Rob Royal, "being tho full extent of zine courses and the first peal in that method rung by ten nien only' was accomplished in 4 hours 7 mins. at St. Mary-le-Bow Clarcis hy the Cumberland Youtlis on January 3ral, 1803. James Multon was Lins name of the tenar ringer.
On January 4 th, 1784 , a peal of 14,480 Bob Major was rung in 8 hours 24 mins. at, St. Pati's, Oldlam. As far as we are aware theru have only veen three longer lengths rung in this method, viz., 15,120 at West Ham in 1737, and at Ohdlam in 1807, and 15,369 at Aston in 1793.
Cirencester was the second church in England to liave a peal of twelve bells, and the first perl on them was jung by the College Youths on January 7h, 1767. Tlis was a peal of Grandsire Cinques.

## DEATH OF MR, GEORGE GOLLAND.

At the moment of going to press, we learn with deep regret of the deanh of Mr. George B. Bolland, the veteran Yorkshire ringer, of Tong. The interment will take place on Friday at Tong Chumel, of
$2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

## BRIGHTENING UP THE RINGERS. <br> LANGASHIRE LAD'S SUGGESTIONS FOR GAYER APPAREL. To the Enditor.

Deni Sir, Alı were greatly interested in that leading article or thine yester weck aboot brighter ringing. Now ah thinks ma'sel tha kuows that it's ringers that ought wo be breeghtened oop a bit. A $b$ reckon that they ought to wear livelier costumes when on a ringing do. Now there's Kenry the Eiphtid ah thins he should wear a Frog shooting suit, well forard in front and back beheend in the Tittum position, permanent turnups. And then thers's the Knight, he sloould ride a charger with the famous gingliam beheend on a trailer. ' O' lor, wave the flag. our old friend, the Duke of Grinerch, would look o'reet in a kilt, end the Squire of De Bent could do a gallop in Oxford bags. And now us coms to professor. Tha knows Professor, doesn't tha? Imagine him out Boz wearing a Shepherd's smock and spurs. 'What's the din?' Ye goode docter' would parade in gown and mortar board with leggings, ho 'Is a membah," Think on Bill a short skirt! Ah were nearly forgetting Samel, he looks after a swan thou knows. Ah thinks that tha could fill a jazz brthing costume o'reet with collar and t'e to match. Elı. led, the would push 9th along then, wouldn't thou? And now us cooms to Uncle Tom, of Seat-deMonkston. Ah thinks tha'd sliave o'rect in a crinoline skirt wifh o high-heeled rallator, Alı gutite think alı shall get a lot of glory! For I these suggestions adywey all shanna exnoligize for 'em.-Tlaine murln, THE SIXTH BEHIND THE NINTH.

## ORIGINS OF CHANGE RINGING. <br> OUR FUTURE HISTORIAN

## Ta the Editor.

Dear Sin-Out fulure Instanian, who lias been the stibject of sone speculabion with us of late, will scan your recent columus with much interest. 'Phe Exercise is audeed much indebted to Mr. Trollope, and now to the Rev. H. Drake for again directing our uttention lo thas fascinating but negiected side of our art. It is all to the good for us to know that our obscure but early days go back into medieval times. These Lavo been calied the "Dark Ages," partly bacause so litule was hnown of them. They have left us, however, a legacy from the adtive religions life of times which were renarkablo for the Crusades, atchiteoture and religious literature. Had this Iatter been devoted to the great facts of everydey life, haw much happier the lot al our listorians.
The written word, whether full or seaniy, has, however, inee useful haudmaidens, viz. : Tradillon, legend and sharde. Researeh has, during the past 50 years, preved them to be remarkably true, and iheir equivalents may help us in the present case also. Our historian, therefore, musi have a wide angle of view, a nice and careful sense of selection, and a spirit of detachment. These dtribules will depend upon his imagination, framing and temperament. Thus, no two historinns are quite the same, aud a work by Mr. Trollope wotald ditier greafly from one by the Rev. H. Drake, though both were of equal value. Some of as would be diann to the one, some the other. We bave others from whom such a work might wordily come, as, for tnstance, tho Rev. C. D. P. Dafies. There is, lowewer, much to be done in aectional parks, which are of the greatest value, ere the Master comes to well all into one comprelnensive work. It may be a secret, but a Midland vinger intorms me that he as alrendy cheaged upon ifis very liftory. I observe that he has a flowng pen, but whether le lins the lejsure, material and funds, I know not.

I lake uy my pen, away on holiway and far from my books, to ask our futune historian, whoever he may be, to lend a kindly ear to the prosability of a remoler antiquily for our art, Stedman (wilh all hie glamour' to the contiary notwithstanding. I would suggest firstly land with duo lumility) that il is dificult to accept Stedman as being the first to devate himself lo our literature. He may have thrown asido his forerunners, even as le himself was so soon after pushed aside. Also lue springs like Minerva, full, fushed and complete, as Mr: Trollope justly remarks. He succeeded that brilliant, celf-confident Elizabethan period; a new age, and one replete wilh writings upon all subjects of interest, and why not ringing? Proluably tro-thinds of their books and nearly the whole of their MSS. have disappeared since Stedman's period, though he, especially rs a printer, knew of many such works. Whatever facilities lie may have on the one side onjoyed, he was handicapped by the fact that news travelled very slowly, and each part of the country was jsolated; thus, whilst say Jtast Anglia lad developed change cinging. Wessex might be placidly pursuing the old way-

Secondly, wherever locnted, ous early change ringers were probably so enthusiastic that, havilug climbed the Achicvement, they promptly kicked away the Indder by which it was reached. The lower rungs were 'call ohanges' but the upper wer"e a mixed period or transitiou, which would have produced sucli lyylurids as 'Christmas, "25," etc. These, of course, would be duly held in scorn, and we can hear the men of Cromwell's time saying, We belong to the Modera, rat ! the Scientific School, Awny with the "Stoney," Give us To-day, and "the 50 or 60 ybars hast past," sud the rest may go hang.' After all, to them the earlier Tudor times were misty, remote and irroligious. They were indeed sadly separated from flae tinie of Morris dances and Maypoles, and from that "Merrie England,' which in Stedman's time liad come through a Scottish wedding, Collowed by rebellion, puritanism, two plagues, and other ills, its wery capital only Fireang Van Tromp's guns, to be ilself laid in ashes in the Great Fire a year or two later. Small wonder jr they forgot!
Thirdly (and more tangibly) our histowian will find that 'Funeral Peals, were rung in early Tudow bimes (vide Ellacombe). Unfortunately we do nat, know what they meant by 'peal,' there being no Dr. Johnson then to detiue it for us. Burf I observe that in the 18 fj . century the woud was used for a ' 720 ,' and these " peals' may quite well have beon a fixerl uumber of incipient changes, combiencing and returning to 'rounds," especially if we rentember that "call changes, or certainly ringing had then been in existence for some two lundred years for so onv old oak leavily hrmeed and fyamed cheses tell us). Bfore definite, of course, is the refercnca to Gooch, whicli the Rev. Drake published on his descriptivo cards, and produced to the Central Council at the last Jondon moeling. It is not stated whether the tigures are in 'hack-letter,' but simple clannges in these characters are to be found elsewhere in olf towers and belfries, is at Moulton, and go back into tue 16tli century.
Retarming to the "luendmaidens," our historjan will puxale over out tradtion that in 1603 the 'Scholrass were fronded la praclice ant promote, not to invent, eliange ringing,' fle Exereise being they itgelf so
fav advunced. The word "Exercise" itself, like * boh" and * dodge, may heve come town from Maypole and Morris dances, buti further hack and more particularly puzaling are such words as "Doubles, Triples Caters, Cinques, and their pronuncialion, too, will give him cunse for thought. It would almosi appeat that in Norman Frend Lines, and by those old semi-clerical Guilds, something was done to mako" call changes, more scientific and orderly. Did they also invent a somblhing which they named after a noble patron 'Grande-Sicur'? 1s our ant older, very much clder than we think?

I hate asked the above questions, but it is mufortumately impossible to answer them, and they remain quaint and arresting. lt is a big jump, lowever, back to Stednam's linoe, and much must haqe happrocd, and his ' 50 or 60 years lastr past'sounds a trifle wagute when we use it again.
But returning to Tudor times, we may yet have the luck to dig bap some Mists. in a gentleman's park, or find thear folded fway in an ohd libritw, which when examined woutd throw a light on flis very subject. 'He period is not so yemote that we must abandon hope. I have often felt that in London at the end of the 15th centruy, say, in the time of the famous Whittington, a time of keen eilizenship, il selling into peace after a war, an awakening of the Englisin School of Music, a dyiug but britliant uative art just being confronted wilith the Renaissence-that at such a time might we find the foundations of change riuging,' I mean apart from call changes'; and that thus lna? Hew slowly permeated the rest of England.

I will conelude willit the testimony of two visitors to London, praisably about the lime of Benry VIII, viz, the Scoltish poct Dunbar and a German traveller. The former sings of the sweete belles of London.' and the latter tells something about our foregoers' habit of slutting themselves up in a tower and ringing gietat bells for hours togelher.' I note ithat we their desendants still shat outselves up in a tower for hours at a tjme to ring something yery interesting. fhatio was it which they found so very interesting? Was it "Pre-Stedman-


## E. ALEX. YOUNT

## "METHOD SPLICING.'

P'ablishned to-day, the new book on 'Method Splicisg' will be u valuable addition to every ringers library, for theals in the fullestu manner with the newest phase of the ringerss art. It is thot contined in its treatment to the dufficul, Treble Boh methods, but those who can riag only plain methods will find that they will ha able, after a shudy of the pages of "Method Splicing, to joim up a variefy of methods into true 720 's. But to the man will the aljilify 10 ving Troble Rob, an entirely new field is apened up, and he will find fully explained the moans by which he can include anything from two to ten melhods in a single 720, and le will have before him the figntes which will enable lim to go into the tower und put is into practice. The 48 pages whels the book contining are packeti with instroctive matich and useful compositions ly Ms: Joseph Earker, Mr. J. H. Lewis and Mr. F. W. Wilde.
The price is only ls. 3d., post free, and orders, will remibance, ghould be sent to "The Ringing World' Offee, Woking.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. CHEWE HRANCH A' ALSAGER.

## INTEREST OF MR. JRNEST CRAIG, M.P

The Crewe and District Branch of the Chestor Diocesan Cuild held a most enjoyable meeting at Alsuger on Sturday, when towers ropresented wero Crewe, Nantwich, Lawlon, Jarthomiley, Jghifield, Nor-ton-in-Hales, Sendtrach, Davenlam, and the local tower. During the day the company rang touches of Pain Bob, Stedmen Triples, Grandsire Triples and Kent I'rehte Bob Major. An interested pisiter was: Mr. Ernest Craig, the populas Member of Parliument for the Crewe Division.
Lea was kindly provided by the chutch authorilies, and the Vicar (the Rev. A. L. Moir) extended a hearty welcome ta the ringers, und inviled them to service,
Mr: R. D. Langford, branch secretary, reformed to the excellent atEendance, over 40 members being prescnt, and sald it was always at pleasure for them to visit Alsager,

Mr. Eruest Craig, M.P., who liad a hearis reception, expressed lis pleasure at tho invitation exteuded to him lo attend, and said be hoped to come to many more meetings. Fe invited the members to visit Alsager in the summer time, so that lie would heve the opporlumity of entertaining them ah Millon House. With regard to fmill ringing, Mo.. Craig said lie had never pulled atope in England in his tife. Tite only hell he had pulled was one in Mexico, whicha was inouglit accoss the plains nod deserts by mules and donkets from Spain.
Mr, Craig was ananimonsly elected an lomorary member of top Guild.

Fotes of thanks were accorded the clatreh anthorities for proviting tea, to ihe ladics for their servines, and to the Vicat for the nsp of the hells.

## THE CRITICISMS OF 'CRITICUS

## GREETINGS AND GOOD RLSOLTTIONS.

The first of Jnnuary, Anua Homini, One thousadi nine handred anat fwrity-onx. My salubations to the mezober's of the Exercise! Healtis mat good fortune atitend you, nuorty gentlemen-and ladies! Mas your shadows never grow leas, and your porkel-never empticr-in my tase it woutd be impossible, for I am already warn to a 'rasher' the eudless enileavour to " hnve my bacon.' What wilh the Christmas bill- and all those of her little reminders of the presemee of quarter clity, whiclu just now take the edge off the romance of Yuletide, I can Hee it more that usually busy time ahcad in dodging the lecal tradesmath, athe eluding tha broker's men. But away with dull care-Lhis 1. not the occasion or the place (es politicians ind leader writers are wont to say when faced wilh a poser which they are not able answer) to discuss my emply pockets with my readers: As a matter uf fact, it was only a passing thought, which would persist in intrudlate itgelf, when I setlijed down to pen these lines of greeting. What 1 really intended to add was: Mare power to your elhows, and move firals in your books. I may as well pass on io you the greeting which I received from a liumorous ( P ) friend-humorous because he keows I am a teetctaller, or, well, nearly so:

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Beer by the busind ; peals } 4 y \text { the peck; } \\
& \text { May you be in 'em, np to the neck. }
\end{aligned}
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Now, 1 to know some people who would havo no greater desire than
 spinit.

No doulat, like me, yous will all lave made a hosi of good resolutions for the new year. For fustance, you will never, never again (for have yon not resolved it ? bo late for ringing-service, practice penls; you will never be the 'one short,' so that the other sepen, or howeyel many it may he, will have to waste their time, or start for somet ling less than was intended. What a setmon one coald preach on ihis subject alone! But the worst of it is, habitual affenders do not seem to linink auy the worse of themselves for stel delinquencies, whel, therefore, $\pi$ sermon would leave them unmoved, so the 'approprinto address ' is 'off,' as far' as 1 ath concerned. But we all know of regular late-comers, who delay the start hor five or ten minutes, ir a quartor of an lour, and the pity is they cannot sometimes be paid outt it Hieir owa coin. Then agitin, it being January lst, we will all deternine to pay our assaciation sulisectiptions promptly, and vo wne our secretaries lats of trouble nud our associations the prospert of a delicit in the next, halance eheet. What a lot of ringers put uf paying lhese subs. to the last minute-or allogether! It ought, to bo just as easy to pay in Janary as in the followimg December, nad rlonhtiless the groon resolutions of to-day will include the determinalion tho reform among all the conscience-smitten. The on'y thing I would adrise is that those who are inclined to mulge in deferred praments should strike while the iron's har, and pop round to the post offle today, get a postal order, and send it along to their secrehar
Aad while there. why netisend the one and threepence that will ensurn a copy of this new book on 'Melhod Spliciag? It is not often a new haok makes its appesrance in the ringing exercise, but in this
new palhteation we arc promised somehing whith has never theen ntalt wilh in print hefore. When Jasper Snowdon publisleel hus - Repe Sight, -the best book a beginuer in ringing ever had-he dealk wilh something which olher writers had for a couple of cenit in a heller manner. But my fingers are ftching to get at the pages of ' Methorl Splicing,' becausa here is a suljegect whose ramifications lawe never before been gathered up into a volume. Everybody who reat that part of the work which Mr. Fidler wrote in 'The Ringing World ' mist have lad lis mind illumined ho the lucid explanations of how these invelved extonts of Minor can be rung-not by supermen, hut hy common or garden ringers like you and me. Now we are to have in addilion something furither fo elucidate the subjoct from ile Wizard of the North. The mere fact that Mr. Joseple Parkey is explaining the theory of splicing will make the hook at once a work of authority and value. But there is another reason why shall appreciale liaving all this information in the form of a book. In our domestic establishment is a jady with a mania for 'clearing up,' nad, when my back is turned, she usually clears up so thoroughly that 1 can never find nnything afterwards. And thet is what happens 10 m copios of "The Ringing Worldl.' I lave no donbt, ton, that it happens in many another houselioll, and the result is that when onn wants to find rnything in particular. "The Ringing Worlh, has cisnppeared. Now those artieles by Mr. Tidler, spread over several weeks, were heginning to worty me. I had kent them for Futurn reference, but I never knew the momeal they might fisappear. nover to return. Therefove. I wefomen the announcement that they wern to he reprinted, for $\mathrm{T} \pi \mathrm{m}$ privileged to enjor the usp of own shelf in my nwn bookense for ringing ' bnoks '-loose papers dare nol mike their appeaprnce there. Now, T'll warrant there are mant
athrot ringels in tike cnse-I don't mran that they are in a bookease
and they will be glad to see those 'Hints' tucked away in a Landy little volume where they know they will be safe for all time-or mutil the next move, or life. Yes, it was a good idea to reprint those -Hin1s.' and I should imagine ringers will be falling over themseives in get a copy-with an instructive explanation thrown in on the theory side of the subject by Mr. Parker.
Is it a fact that the old-fashioned practice of parties of handbell ringers going out to play at the 'big houses 'at Christmas is dying out in our vilages? There was at time when, almost everywhere, the handlbell ringers were as nuch a feature of Clristmas as the carol singers, but of late years they seem almost to lave disappeared-and the wats seem to bo following them. I an glad to say, however, that old customs die hard down our way, and some of the 'old 'uns ' from our dower still pay a round of Christmas visits with the hmadeellsand they seem to be welcome wherever the go. I couldn't join them this year, being unable to get my boots on for clilblains-my wife calls it gout-but old Charlie took my place-with the collecting book. They started out on Christmas Eve, when it was real old-fashioned Christmassy weather, will suow, and mince-pies, and mulled ale, and sush like. But old Charlie isa ${ }^{2}$ t the man he was. Whelher it was Hes snow, or the mince-pies, or the mulled ale, or all of them comhined, I don't know, but lato in the evening, when making their way from one house to another, his mates missed him. They went back over their tracks and scarched, and found Charlio nice and comfy in a show drift. They might not have troubled so much if Charlie had not been the cash
There seoms to laye beeu a capital race going on to see who could ring most peals in 1925, and it will be interesting to know who flnizhed frst. I like to see the old 'uns setting the pace for the youngsters, even if they are out-stayed in the end. It looks as if there were abgood many in the running for honours, and by honours I mean thoso who can average one a week for the year, Jamee, of England, ought to be well to the fore, and the evergreen Isaac $G$. is another of the roungstors who keep up the pace. There are some men of Kent, and' others in the Mialnends and North, who have made sonve very good going, but if yoll want renlly to go in for ringing, Pake ny tip aut join the Marines, Judging by the Sergeant-Major's record this yenr, ringing must form one of the methods of training in that brateli of the services. There used to be a slogan, "Join the Flying Corps and see the world.' It might, parlaps, be adapted for the Ti.M.'s, and read as follows: 'Join the Royal Marines and sen the ringing world.

CRTIICUS.

## LLANDAFF \& MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

## A successful year.

The annual meeting of the Llandaff and Mcumouth Diocesara Associatiou was held at the Pro-Cathedral, Newport, on Saturday, and was very well attended. The bells of both churches, SL. Woolos' and All Sainis', were kept busy during the day. At 4 oclock a shortened form of service was conducted by the Vicar of St. Woolos' (the Ven. Archdencon D. H. Grifiths), who, some thirty years ago, was the hon. secretary of the nssocialion. An exceltent address was given. Following the service, lea was partaken of in the Waters Lane Missidn Ronm. It had been very generously provided by the Arciadeacon, who presided, and also took ihe chat at tho sulusequent lusiness meeting.
Mr. A. J. Pitwan, of Aberavon, was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year, and the hon. secretary and both the auditors were re-elected.
Restomafions abd augmentalions done during the year were reported In by the lion. seeretary, the two most notable lueing ad. Abergavenny, where the old bells bave been relung with new fittings, etc., and at Usk, where the old six have been broken up end replaced with a new ring of eighl, which at the moment are awaiting dedication. Progress was reported in regard to clange ringing at Nowtor, Chepslow and Penmark. The year proved a good one, bolh in the number of peals aud the variefy of methods rung. The places for the next mectings were selected as follows: The annual to be held at Llaudaff, Hie next quarterly at Merthyr and Blaenavon respectively.
Many new members were elceted, including the whole band at Newton Noltage, where good progress is reported, thanks to Mr. A. J. Talbot, who is now living there.
The now Master, Mr. A. J. Pitman, was congratulated on his successfut efforts in composition and conducting during the year, including lis peals of spliced methods.

The question of a new cerlificate wne discusged, and a commited formed to arrange designs and report at thee next meoting.
Mr. Dawe read a statement in regard to the collection made in aid of the widow of the Iate Mr. W. Biss, which resulted in a sum of twenty potinds being landed owez to lher.

The meeting proved a most pleasant one, and cen trulp be described as a huge success. The Arehrlencon was in his best form, causing nuch hilauity witl his humorous remarks, and all wenf lame will the recollection of a inappy aftertoon and eventng.

## COALBROOKDALE BELLS.

## RFWRORATION AND AUGMENTATION SCHEME COMPLETED.

All who know Coalbookdale and its belks will be very interested to learn bat tie old eight have now been completely restored and autronented to ton, and are now ercoted in the tower. The work has been carricd out by the founders of the old eight, Messers. Mears and Stambank. No efiort has been spared on their part to make everything in cannection with the schame of the very bent. A new floor lias been fixed ibout a faat below the very massive platforn of steel girderg, $16 \times 6$ and $10 \times 6$. Jxhe floor has a special hatichway leading from the chock room direct into the pit of the eiglith bell, there being ample room allowed to get about underneatly the bells when down. 'rhere is aiso a very accessible way from the tower steps. The steel rirders are firmly grouted into the four walls in iwelve places being cross lied and interlaced in erery possibla place, to make the whole of the foundation work quite rigid. The new cast-inon firame is, to all who latwe seen it erected in London and in the tower, an engincring feat, being it plefure of theatuess and styength. The bells, except the fourth, are arranged rown the four sides of the tower, the founth being cleverly horsen between the tenor and filth. The lenor has been specially placed on the nortileeasti side of the tower. All the bells are beautiful in tone, and in harmony with each other. The improved effect of the limen lones, after the bells hate stiuck, is most pronounced.

Lacally, everybody has been interested in the seleme, and most anxious to know if the tone of the bells wotld be less mellow with the steel girders, aast-iron Frame and loeadstacks, than with the old wood frame, etc. Several people living near the chureh, inchudug lwo who are ill, have answered this most important question by saying what a delightiful jmptowement there is, with none of the old harsh notse they fad got so very tired of, especially when peals were being rung. Thick glass 3 fk, figh, the top of which is abore the tenol, when rised, has been placed in all the windows, This also has made a great improvemont iu the sound in the mmediate vicinity of the ehurch ${ }_{5}$ while itb will also safeguard the bells from storms, and yet allow plenty of room for the sound to escape. The "go" and evenness of clappering is perfect. The teuor was always vely troublesomo to ralise the right way. She is mow quile as easy as the treble. The gadgeons and double puileys have all got ball beariugs, and, together with lihe clapper spindles, are fitted uith patent grease caps. The bells have been tured on the firn"s three-toped priuciple. This is guite distinet and accurate in each bell.

Of the ten bells, four are new. The two new trebles lave been added as a nemorial to Lieut. Maurice A. A. Darley. The third bell of the old eighte was not correct in the lium tone, and the founders wery generously recast this bell at their own expense. The former fifth was fonud to have an ald arack in the crown, and this fell Messis. Mears and Stainbank rery kindly offered to recast at half price ratuer wan return a faulty bell.

The inscriptions on the luells are as follows:-
I'reble,-Mears and Shainbank, bell foumders, London, 1925. These two treble bells were erected here by public subscription, in grateful remenbrance of Lieut. Maurice A. A. Darley, Grenadier Guaras, who gave his life for King and Country in the Great Whar, 1914-1918. 2.-Mears and Stambank, bet founders, Landon, 1925.

## Who stauds if freedom fall? <br> \section*{Who dies if England live?}

5.-C. and G. Mears, bell founders, Londan. I852. Recast Mears aud Stiainbank, bell founders, Londou, 1925.
7.-C. and G. Menrs, bel founders, London, 1852. Recast Mears and Stainbank, bell founders, London, 1925. Alfred E. W. Darleyr J.P., D.L. Patron, Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe, M.A., R.D., Vica: Herbert Fughes, Frederick Johnson, Cliturenwavens.
3. 4, 6, 8, 9 and temor.-C. and C. Mears, bell fommers, London, 185 己.
The four ness bells ereh have east on them the fim's foundry merk of three small bells, which las descended tirough Elae gencrations from the tars of Rebert Mot, and which now bearg the initials A. A. H. and R. A. H.

Frona the double rope pulleys down though tho clock roont the ropes are guided jn specially constructed trouglis, one side of those fitted to the heary bells being left open to allow tho sound to eseape into the clock room. This is nost effective in the ringing chamber, in which the ropes are a wery nice circle. The clock room floor, which also forms the ceiling of the ringing clasmber, lass a 10 -juch double loor which is tightly paoked with sawdust.
Mr. Willian A. Radelyffe, the firm's bell hanger, very successfully completed his worle on Friday evening. Decamber 18h. The Ficar invited him to attend two Parochial Council meotings. At one of these Mr. Radelyffe explained that his firm lad given him orders to hare the whole of the bells rung and tested by the Coalbrooknale ringers; also to invite members of the various commidteos and the locil engincers and fitters to inspect the work. Ib should be mentioned here that locally the wort has been watched most earefully.
and engineering experts have regularly visited tho tower, and all agroe that it is an exhibition job.

The thial of the bells took place on Friday evening, Devember 18th. The Rev, Preb. C, B. Crowe, Ficar, visited the ruging clamber at 7 p.an., nud opened the geremony with the usual Guild prayers, and said low very pleased he was to see all his local rizgers back, after nearly a year's yacation with no bells. Dho back four bells were then raised singly, and the front sly next raised in peal. Tlhese form a very fine light six, most necessnry and handy for leaching, and desirahle for six-bell ringets attending meehings. Next some very gatd rounds were rung on the ten. Afler seltliug down to new ropes, ele., they som beyan ta rolj off in verg regular 20 's, wth very distinet handstroke leads. Qtuen's, Whitwinglon and 'qutums were next tapped off, and these at onec ploved the grinuleur of a correctiy tuned peal of ten, Following this, two courses of Girandsire Caters ran nicely into rounds; then Stedmun and Grandsire Twipleg, Plain Bob and Kent Majow ou the back elsht were lung, nud aflerwards the from six and back gix were separately brought inta action. A protity run down of the ten brouglit to a dase a happy gathering.
Before leavina, tire Fical thanked Mr. Radelife for tha thorougliness with which he liad cartied out the whote of his work, aud sald ins intended to write to the firm exprossing his committee's thanks and gratitude for the wonderful way he had completed everything, even to the smallest detail. Pointing to the ringing elsamber ceiting he femarked je could not even see where the ald rope holes used to be.

Mas, Radelyfe thanked him fow his rery kind remarks, aiso for the leenty wrelcome given to him by all he had met during his stay in Goalbronkclale. He gaid he would always look back with pleasuru to the restoration and augmentafion of Coalbreakdale bells.
A completo chiming apparatus for ten halls of the firm's own special desigu has been installea. The clock is a very goad one, having beent made by Messrg. Joyce, Whitelutuch, Shropshira, 1852. The whole of the work to this, which iucludes the fixing of the covrect Westminster quarters on the hells, $2,2,3,6$, with the hour atriking an the lemor, las beca placen in tine hands of the makers of the clock by the bet founders.

A further siog 15 regutied go that the Bishop of Eereford cans bo invited to come alad dedioate the new Darley mamorial bells. To allow the whole scheme to be opened suee of debt, fwo persons have cach offered to loan $£ 100$ inee of interest, so that the bells nay be for these most renerous offers, hut feel there are many who bare liappy mamorics of Coalbrookdale who would much like-to contribute to the fund. The back eiglat walc mung ou Clinistmas morning, but they will not be rung again until they can be paid for. One bell will be rung for services, etc. Will readers who have any shilling stamp collecting books whth ajs 'Otd Bobs' collected on same, kindly send them, with remillance, at once to \$Ir. Willinm Saunders. Institution House, Conbrookdale, Sluopshire.

## SAFETY FIRST.

## To the Edidor

Deal Sir,-On New Year's Eve probably scores of riugerg risked their fipes by taking the muliles of a few minutes before midnitht. Ther have done it before and an do ith ngain, if they don't slip. Whose turn will it be next to be caught in blese death-traps?
Mi. W. T. Beeson's idea looks, all right on paper, bul I am alratd there is as much risk in lashing the when to the frume as doing anything else when the bells are up ab "set '; besides it would be quicket and much safer to fall" the bells.
Some twenty jears or so ago a ringer at Stoke-on-Trent was hilled while working among the bells. I then had a brain wave, and inFented at acrice for securing tine bells when up at 'sot' by simpls pulling down ar wire in the ringing chamber and locking it with a padilock, but, there was no call for it. Recently Mr'. Fullwood, of Sedgley, Wolverhampton, took out a patent for in simpler derice, whels 1 believe was advertised in your paper.
If would be interesting to know if these onses are
fore the notice of the Board of Trade. Yonrs, ete.
TAS. T. GROVEA.

## PRESENTATION AT DARTFORD.

An interesting ocremong took place in the Foly Trinity tower. Darbord, on Sunday morning, December 13th, when, after ringat a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, condueted by Mr. T. TF. Cheesman. Mr. J. Whendon, late secretary of and a ringer in the local band tor twenty yoas, who has now left the distriet, was presentert wit a silver-mounted walking slick. The fartier-peal wha tung in 41 mins. : 'T', Croombridge, inml', 2, Ji, Bates 2. J. B. Cleesman 3, E. Brown 4. T. Wheadon 5. H. Sinmons 6. A. Audsles 7, R. Jenkmat (now sectetary of the band) 8.

## LITTLE BADDOW BELLS DEDICATED.

## BISHOP OF COLCHESTER'S INTEREST IN RINGLNG.

The restored bolls at Little Badlow Parish Church, Essex, were dedicated on December 19ti, and were heard again after a silence of many years. The original peal of iour bells were cast at ditserent times, and are inscribed ass follows: Treble, 'Miles Graye made Me, 1635 '; вecond, "Sancta Toma Ora Pro Nobis: (about 1450); third, -John Dier Mada Me (abont 1600); tenor, Sancta Maria Ora Pro Nobis ' (ntioul the end of the 14th century, and one of the oldest bells in tio county). Of these, the tenor bell was found to be the only sound one. The two smallest belts wero both cracked, and the clapper of tho third came out with its cast-in crown slaple. In addition, tho medifeval timber frame was long ago found to ho so worn and decnyed in places as to he unfit to cany the strain of the ringing of the bolls when in full $\operatorname{swi}$ ing. The Parochial Church Council dectued to mako a resolute effort to effect restoration and reparr. Mr. Wykeham Chuucellor, M.A., F.R.I.B.A., was consulted, and, among other things, he recommended the repairing of the oak frame, recasting Wic Mites Graye bell, supplying a new bell in the place of the second (the origiua! bell to be taken down and preserved on the ground floor of the tower), repaining the clapper of the third bell, and providing thew bearings, wheel fittings, sliders, and ropes. The Cholmsford Diocesan Advisory Board for Church Treasurcs supported the scheme, whicls cost about $£ 300$, and a special appeal by the Church Council mot with an encouraging response. Of Whe two new wells, one is the gift of lis wife, in memory of Plisilip Boldero, who dled Sept. 25th, 1919. R.I.P.,' while the other is inseribed: 'Et ego Dominurn laudabo (I also will pratse the Lord). The work of restoring the bell frame, of recasting the treble bell, and of making the 1 wo new bells, was enrried out by Mr. Alfied Bowell, of Ipswich,
Thero was a crowded congregalion at ilte dedication service, the ceremony being pertormed by the Bishop of Calchester. The surpliced rergy, in aldition to the Bislop, were the Rev. Jesse Berridge, Rector of Littio Baddow : Canon F. S. Pgyater, R.D., Rector of Springiehl: the Rev. A. E. Hall, of Borelham; and the Rev. H. M. Lang, of Woodham Walter. The processional liyme, 'All people that out earth to dwell,' was followed by prayers by the fector. Psalm 17, "O clap your hands," was chanted, and the special lesson (Numhers x. 1-11) was read by Mr. A. L. Woodhouse, J.P., one of the wardens. Then tollowal the lymm, 'Praise, my soul,' and Psalm 150, 'O Praiso God.' During the chanting of the Psalm, the clergy and clurchwardens (Messrs. A. L. Woodhouse and J. J. Speakmen) procoecled to the tower, where the Bishop, taking tho bell ropes in his hneil, said : ' In thre faith of Jesus Christ wo do solemnly set apart and separate these bells from all profane and unhallowed uses, and do now dedicate them to the glory of God, and for the benefit of His Holy Church, in the namo of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.' Then the Bishop offered petitions for those for whom the beils shail ring. A short pesl was rung on the bells, during which the clergy proceeded to the chancel. The liymo, Unclangging God, Who livest,' was sung.
In the courso of an address, based on the text, 'Let everything Hint hath breath praise tho Lord,' the Bishop of Colchester said he was glad to be able to take part in that inferestiag and moving oceasian, and in that service, which had such a great deal to say about praise and thanksgiving. They had a real causo for thanksgiving, as they met together in that glonous and ancient clarch. As the bells wero rung, let Jesus Christ be praisad, and let them be glad, as the Lord would have them be. Everyone who heard the church bells ringing would think of those whe had lived and worked in that parisli in the past, who had given orte thing and another to beautify the House of God, and consecrated that place in every succeeding age by their prayers. They praised God's Holy Name for thase who bad been beacfactors of that churcli. First, of all, the church bells were meant to call people to tha House of God, to remind them that the time had cono when they wera to assemble together for worship, to remind them of the promise that 'where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in tho mictst.' $\mathbf{A}_{s}$ liftle children, pious parents brought them to be dedicated to Him at the earlicst moment. Fhen when the laoly bond of matrimony was sealed they camo to that heautiful and sacred service, alul tho bells rang with joy. Then some day, when thay werc laid to vest yonder in God's Acre, Thear Gode House, tho bells tolled for their passing. The Bishop added that one of the things he regretted most was that as a young man he did not study canpanology. But ho land taken the greatest possible interest in ringing and the message the bells had, and he was glad that his son became an ringor. Among that congregation he saw one, if not more, of the best ringers in the East of England. Of all the Church work in which they could be engaged, there could be nothing more beatiful than that of ringing in the House of God, calling men and women to worship.
After tho To Deum, the Bishop pronounced the Blessing, and as a recessional the lymun, "Now thank we all our God," was sumg. Miss Paterson was at the organ. A collection was taken for the church

During and after the service, the bells were rung, those taking parf incluting Messrs. George Green, of Greab Baddow Distriet Master) R. Thrift, of Borehan ; H. Edwards, of Boreham: W. J. Nevard, of Great Elenhley; and F. Runter, of Springheld. Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips, of Great Haddow, also joined the ringers during the evgixg.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

We regret that, owing to the demands upon the space available for Sunday Service Touches, we are unable to undertake to insert anything less than a quarter opeal on eight bells and upwards, and 720 of Doubles or Minor. Many correspondents send us quite short touches for publication and they must not be disappointed if we are unable to find room for them.
LONDON.-On Sumday. Dec. 27 th, at the Church of St. Leonard, Streatham, for swensong, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major Lee 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, J. W. Chapman 4, C. F. Winney 5, W. S. Smith 6, C. W. Roberts (eonductor) 7, H. Langdon 8.
BROMLEY, KENT-At SS. Peter aud Paul, on Sunday, Dec. 27ih, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Priples (A. J. Perkins' twin-bob) : 4. Janres 1, T. Groombridge, sen., Z, (4. F. Temes 3, G. During 4, G. Husiey 5, T. Groombridge, jun., 6, I. Emary (conductor') 7, E. Mounter 8.
CARDJFF-At St. Joln's Churcl, for 11 ann, serfice, on Dec. 27ul, a quarter-pcal of Grandsire Triples ( 1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: $w$. H. P. Evans 1, F. Smith Z, E. Coormbes 3, W. Richards 4, S. Dawe 5, E. Stitcls (first quarter as conductor) 6, T, Chamberlain 7, S. R. Barker 8.
WEST HAM.-For evening service, ous Sunday, Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. : W. Theobald 1, A. Prior (conductor) 2, T. Sparrow (Siowmarket, first quarter), 3, 3 . Scholes 4, G. Hayden 5, A. Baynes 6, E. D. Smith 7, R. Moulton 8.
BOLTON, LANCS.-On Sunday, Dec. 20th, in 47 mins, a quarterpeà of Grandsire Triples ( 1,260 elaanges) : A. Hulme 1, ম. Holden Z, J. Guest 3 , J. Omeroel 4, W. Pennington 5 , A. Heywood (conductor) 6, J. E. Markland 7, J. Kay 8.
BRIGG, LINCS.-On Sunday, Dec. 201 th , for evening service, at ante Ohurch of St. Jolin-tire-Evangelist, a cuarter-peal of 1,296 clanges, in two methods, in 41 mins, Heing 576 Plain Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob, with 15 bobs: P. Shipwartlı I, T. Bell 2, C. Anson 3, G. TP. Saxby 4, G. Webb 5, F. W. Atkinson, juar. (conductor), 6. Fitst quasier-paal in two methods by all the band except the conductor, and alse first quarter-peal in two methods on the bells by a local company.
LONDON. - On Eunday, Dee. 2013. at the Clurch of St. Maty Abbots, Kensington, for evensang, 1,224 Double Norwich Court Boi, Caters: F. V. H. Sinkins 1, W. E. Garrard 2, P. L. Miles 3, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 4, W. E. Judd 5. R. Congreve-Pridgeon G, H. G. Miles 7, A. V. Selby 8, A. F. Harris 9, G. W. Frayne 10.
TOTTENFAM.-At All Hallows', on Suuday, Dec. Zoth, for eveuing service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, iti 43 mins. : S. W. Crably 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 3, G. Thurgood 4, H. Ellis 5, E. A. Hull 6, C. Button 7, W. Paimore 8.
DOVER, KENT.-On Sunday, Dec. 20th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Churcls, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples ( 1,260 changes), in 43 mins. : J. Eagles 1, R. H. Stevens 2. H. J. Saunders 3, O. 'iur ner 4 , H. Whitehead $5, \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{R}$. Walker 6, ©. ․ Hillway (couductor) 7 , L. Sibley 8.

MERTHYR TYDFYL, GLAM,-AL ihe Parish Church, on Sundry, Dec. Zoth, for evening service, in 43 mins, a quarter-peal of Granirsiro Triples (1,260 clanges) : G. Jones 2. L. Stirk 2, W. Wisher 3, F. Sharp 4, E. Thomas 5, P.C. J. Coles 6, H. J. Eaylor' (conductor) 7. L. Stirk 8. The above nre the regular Sunday Service band.
TWICKENHAM.-At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, Dec. 20th, for service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. : Wh. H. Wood 1. J. A. Trollope 2. C. H. Dollhie 3, W. Ghepherd 4. J. R. Mackman 5, A. Harding 6, W. H. Hollier (confluctor) 7, F. Challen (first attempt to ring a quarter-peat) 8. The bells were re-opened on the 19th, after relangivg and tuning-

## NOTICE

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.-Leicester Branch. - The Annual meeting of this branch will be held at St. Margaret's, Leicester (iz bells) on Friday evening, Jan. 15th. Ringing 7.30-8.30. Will all members endeavour to be present? Election of officers, etc--Harold J Poole, Local Hon. Sec., 5I, New Park Street, Leicester.

## NOTICES.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.-Nottingham District. - The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Tower open 2.30. Meeting; 6 p.m. Nominations for officers will greatly oblige. Will nembers please make an eftort to be present? All ringers welcome.-F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOLTHS (NOTTINGHAM), Established 167 . - The annual meeting for election of officers witl be held on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Ringing, St. Mary's, Nottingham, 2.30. Meeting 8 p.m. Amendments to Rules 3 and 12 will be proposed at this meeting. It is hoped members will be present. All ringers welcome.-F. Blood, Hon. Sec.
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637 ).-The subscription of 1 s . 8d., which entities members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathediral on Jan. 5 th, St. Magous' on the $\boldsymbol{r}^{\text {th }}$ and 2 ist, St. Mary-le-Bow on the 12th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the $14^{\text {th }}$ ( 8 o'clock), St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, at 7. 30 p.m.; also at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 17th, for service at 6 p.mı. William ${ }^{\text {q }}$. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edycley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.-Lougi-

 borough District.-The annual meeting of the districk will be beid at Loughborough on Saturday, Jan. 9th. The bells (io) of the Parish Church and the Bell Foundry Campanile will be open from 3 o'clock onwards. The foundry will be open from 2 till 4 -30 [or visiting ringers to see the recast York Minster bells. Will all members try to attend (election of officers)? There will also be a short social evening. Tea will be provided at a moderate clarge for those who notify me not later than Jan. 7 th. I. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 27, Clapman Street, Loughtiborough.BRISTOL UNITED RINGING; GUIIDS. - Fifth annual dinner, Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, Saturday, Jan. gth. Tickets 5 s .6 d . each. Peals arranged during afternoon. University Butildings and 'Great George Bell ' (91 tons) on view, and will be rung (ticket holders only). Tickets may now be obtained of tower secretaries, officials and stewards, or direct from E. Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hiil, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Sonning Deanery Branch. -The annual meeting will be held at All Saints ${ }^{5}$, Wokingham, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Church House. Those intending to be present at tea must notify me not later than Jay, 3 rd. Ringing before service and after tnecting at both the churches of All Saints (8) and St. patul (8).-F. Dentry, Hon. Sec., Church Street. Twi-「ord, Beriss.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rochdale Branch. -A meeting wili be held at All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, on Satarday, Jan. gth. Bells available from 3 p.m. Mecting at 6.30 p.m. SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE. REPORTS TO HAND. All ringers welcome. -William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmerden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Kettering Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Deshorough (8) on Saturday, Jan. gth. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. $5^{\text {th }}$ ?-R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION -A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 9th, at Wrington. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. If members know of any errata in the current report, I should be glad to hear of them, that they may be corrected in the report for 1925.-J. T. Dyise, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Nortoin.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Preston Branch. The next meeting will be held at Broughton, near Preston; on Saturday, Jan. gth. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those who intend to be present please notify Mr. W. Smith, i, Black Bull Cottages, Broughton, near Preston, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 6th? - Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SHEFFIEL.D DIS'TRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGANATED SOCIETY. - The next meeting on Saturday, Jan. 9th, at Eckington (S bells). Tea provided for those who notify Mr. Ditcher, 15. Station Road, Eckington, by Jan. 7 th. - Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. (pro. tem.), 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION. - A meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. gth, at Hanley. Bells (ro) available from 3 p.m., service 5 p.m., tea 5.30 p.m. Committce meeting after tea. Notices of atlendance to he sent to Mr. F. E. Eardley, 8, Harley Street, Hanley, not later than Jan. sth.-A. Vaughan, ro, High Street, Kinutton, Staffs.
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Maidstone Dis-trict.-The next meeting will be theld at Aylesford on Saturday, Jan. gith. Tower open at 3. Service at 5 . Tea, 5.30, at the Working Men's Chub. Business meeting after tea. Please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 5th. C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Bungalow, Lintor, Maidstone.
HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Presteign District. -The annual meeting will be held at Dilwyn on Saturday, Jan. gth. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m. Selyice at 5. Tea at $5 \cdot 30$, free to all who notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 5 th. Business meeting after.Jabez Preece, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-onArrow.
ST. MARTIN'S glitd FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1 (55). - Annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, City, on Tuesday, Jan. 12th, at 7.45 p .m. Beils of St. Martin's available 6.30.-A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sece, Albert Road, Handsworth, Bitminghan,
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAF-FORD.-Quarterly meeting will be held at Wednesbury on Saturday, Jan. 16 th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. H. W. Jones), at 4-45. Ten (1s.) at s.30. Please send word by Tuesday, the 12 th inst.-H. Knight, Fion. Sec., 15. Rugby Sfreet, Wolverhampton.

MIDIANI COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.-The third quarterly meeting will be held at Eastwood, Notts, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) open 2 to 8 p.m. Committec meeting at Sun Hotel $3.45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Meat tea (2s.) at Sun Hotel, 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting. Members requiring tea please notily Mr. J. P. Pollard, 20, Addison Villas, Eastwood, Notts, not later than Jan. 14th. Trams leave Upper Parliament Street, Nottingham, every 5 minutes. Buses leave Hippodrome every fow minutes. Will members in arrears please pay up on or before this date, either locally or direct to me, specially noting Rule 4 (a)? - Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.
(iLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.-Cheltenhan Branch.-The annual meeting of the above branch witl be held at Leckhampton on Salurday, Jan. 16th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev, F. A. Standfast). Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by the 12 th inst. ? - Walter Yeend, Hon. Branch Sec., Niilfitdd, Tewkeslury Road, Cheltenham.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - South Dis-trict.-The general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fullam, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tower open from 4 p. mh. to 8 p.mi. Tea at $5.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Will those coming to tea let me know before the isth? Everyone heartily welcomed.-C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W. 3.

OURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. West Tyne District.-A meeting of the above will be held at Newburn on Saturday, Jan. ifth. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.in.-C. Symm, Newton, Stocksfield-on-Tyne.
I.ONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Northern District. Annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. r6th, at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Lower Thanes Street. Ringing 3.45 p.all. to 5.15 p.m. and 6.45 p.m. 108 p.m. Business meeting $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. It is hoped that all macmbers will cudeavour to make this meeting a success.-W. Bottrill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 29, Queen's Mansions, Norti, Road, N. 7.
I.ANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Rossendale Branch. -The next lanach meeting will be heid at St. James', Hislingden, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells ready 3.jo, Mecting' at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.-J. H. Haydork, Branch Sec., 31, St. 1'aul's Street, Ramsbottom.
IANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Manchester Branch. -The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedrah, Manchester, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells from 5.30 p.m. Meeting $70^{\circ}$ clock. Subseriptions due. Reports to hand. A large attendance is requested. -J. Hall, Branel See, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manwhester.

MIDDLEESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN (GUHID. -South and West District. A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Jan. 16 h. Ringing from 3.15. Ten will be arranged. -W. H. Hollier, Hon. See, 29 , Duke Road, W.4.
I.ANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Blackburn Branch. A meeting of the above hranch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Jan. zeth. Bellis reacly 3 p.m. Meeting $6.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Reports are now reads:-1. Watson, Branch Sec., 48 , Shear Bank Terraew, Paimer Strect, Blackburn.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSO-CIATION.-Northern Branch.-A meeting of the above branch will be heid at Wollaston on Saturday, Jan. I6tli, Bells will be available at $3 \cdot 30$. Service in church at 5 o'clock. It is important that all those intending to be present should notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. j2th. - A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Central Divi-sion.-Meting at Burgess Hill on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open 2 p.m., service 4.15 , tea (in Parish Room) 5 , by kind invitation of the Vicar. Half rail fare (maximum 15.). Those intending to be present shoutd notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, Jan. soth.-A. D. Stone, Div. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (NOTTINGHAM), Established 1672 .-Preliminary Notice.-William Doubleday Crofts' Memorial Dimer will take place on Saturday, Jan. 3oth, at the Welbeck Hotel, Milton Street. Tickets, 4 s. each, can now be obtained from the hon. sec., Blood, 91, Dame Agnes Strect, Nottingham.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION <br> meeting at manchester town hald.

The last meeting of the year of the Manchester Branch was held 21. Mauclester Town Hall, when a large number of ringers, including visitors from outtide branches, were present. Ringing commonced at four o'clock, and continued in various methods till $7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., when the business meeting was heeld. Mr. W. Wolsieneroft was voled to the chair, ned said Lancasture looked upon it as a greal privilege to be sllowcd to come and ring on the city bells.
Two new members were elecied to the association, and Manchuster Catledral was selected for the aunal meeting, as in former jears, ke the held ou Saturday, January 16tl, 1926.
Mr. F. Chapman grve an interesting report on Lis wisit to Oxford, when the netw bells, to the memory of the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook, were delitieated, saying how pleased ho was with them, zud that great credit was due to alI who helped to bring the werk to a successful issue.-Llhe Chniman unde reference to the memory of Mr. Wishbrook, remerking that it was two years ngo that day that Mr. J. W. Washbrook took the chair at their meeting full of life sund coregy, and giving his advice to all present, and then on the following Christmas Day came the great shoek of his tragic death.
Wates of condolemee and sympathy were passed to the relatives of the Iate Mr. S. Boath, of Asltion-under-Lyne, and Mr. W. E. Rydor, of Birchind-Rusholme, two old and estecmed mombers of the asscendvion, who have lately passed away, the members slandiug in silonce for a fow moments.

Votes of thanks to the offigials of the Town Fiall and the local ringers were passed unanimously, and mepliced to bt the leader, Nr. Tr. Frge, who said he wouk convey fle a-wociation's thaute to the propel guarter.
During the evening an jnteresting piege of regalia was an riew consigting of a massive chain and medallion in the slape of a brdi of pute "Sheffeld gold, presented by 'Ireureus ta Mr. H. Chapmin Lo wear mhen presiding at any neetings. So fouht the donor of it was thinting of tho size of thaman whan the ordered ith but lith writer would need some help if he had to wear it.
After tho meeting ihe landbells were hrought info use, and fonehes tandsive, Stedman and Boh Royal wore 1 mog.

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